

Persons killed/injured in Elections

734. SHRI SYED SHAHABUD-DIN: Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of persons killed and injured separately in election violence during the General Election, 1991 between the nomination of candidates and constitution of the Tenth Lok Sabha;

(b) the break-up of fatal casualties, State and Union Territory-wise with the average electorate per casualty in each case; and

(c) the details of Parliamentary constituencies in which at least one life was lost with the number of lives lost in each of them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI RANGARAJAN KUMARAMANGALAM) : (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Delay in Disposal of Cases

735. SHRI SOBHANA DRESWARA RAO VADDE: Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether some of the Acts framed several decades ago and the legal procedure are responsible in abnormal delay in disposal of cases; and

(b) if so, the steps proposed to be taken by the Government to bring forward necessary amendments to the various statutes which affect the common people and to simplify legal procedure to avoid delay in disposal of cases?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI RANGARAJAN KUMARAMANGALAM): (a) and (b) A Committee of three Chief Justices of High Court was constituted by the Government in January, 1989, to study the problem of arrears in Courts and to suggest remedial measures. The Committee identified several reasons for Delays viz. litigation explosion, long arguments and prolix judgements, failure to utilise grouping of cases, increase in legislative activity etc. The Committee made available to the Government in September, 1990 several recommendations in this regard covering various aspects like jurisdictional and procedural modifications/improvements including amendment of Civil Procedure Code, Criminal Procedure Code, Section 17 of Indian Divorce Act, Constitution of India, the Commission of Inquiry Act, Arbitration Act, Limitation Act, etc. and also amendment of State Statutes and High Court Rules. These recommendations have been forwarded to all concerned such as Central Ministries/Departments, State Governments/UT Administrations and High Courts for implementation.

Modernisation of sick Textile Units

736. SHRI PRAKASHBAPU VASANTRAO PATIL: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have chalked out any comprehensive scheme for modernisation of sick textile units;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT): (a) to (c) A Textile Modernisation Fund with a corpus of Rs. 750 crores was set up